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Government Press.

Appointments in the Government Press.

* 376 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN : With reference to question No. 10 answered at the meeting of the 3rd February 1925 regarding appointments in the Government Press, will the hon the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many applications were received from the members of the depressed classes, the posts for which they applied, and how many of them were appointed since 24th November 1922 to 24th November 1924; and

(*b*) if the Government have no information, whether they will call for the information?

A.—(*a*) The Government have no information.

(*b*) The Government consider that there are no sufficient reasons for embarking on a general inquiry of this nature. If the hon. Member desires information in regard to any particular case, the Government will endeavour to secure the information.

Mr. R. SRINIVASAN :—" May I ask whether it is a fact that the Vanniya community has been monopolising almost all the appointments in the Mount Road branch and in the Mint Buildings."

The hon. Mr. R. A. GRAHAM :—" I am not aware of that, Sir."

Local Boards and Municipal Councils.

Contribution of local bodies towards flood relief.

* 377 *Q.*—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether several local bodies were allowed to contribute towards flood-relief;

(*b*) how many taluk boards and municipalities so contributed;

(*c*) whether he refused to approve of such contributions in any case;

(*d*) if so, the instances and the reasons for such disapproval; and

(*e*) whether these local bodies had any previous intimation or warning that such disallowance might follow their action?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to answer to question No. 242.

(*e*) The local bodies were directed to afford relief to the poor affected by floods in their areas only so far as the funds at their disposal permitted. No other warning was given.

Representation of Vanniyakula Kshatriyas in the Vellore taluk board.

* 378 *Q.*—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any member of the Vellore taluk board representing the Vanniyakula Kshatriya community;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Nayudu community is over-represented in the taluk board, whereas the Vanniyakula Kshatriyas are not represented in it;

(*c*) why the claims of this community were overlooked at the time the last set of nominations to this taluk board was made;